

Royalton Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
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30 March 2021  
Approved

7:14 p.m., 30 March 2021, Chair Leslie Orvis called the Royalton Township regular planning commission meeting to order with Members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, Gary Valvoda and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Supervisor Wayne Olson, Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Zoning Administrator John Kemen, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, and members of the public also attended. Social distancing was observed, and masks were worn.

Member Schlaeger moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Schlaeger moved, Member Schneider seconded, to approve the minutes of 23 February 2021 public hearing as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Schlaeger moved, Member Schneider seconded, to approve the minutes of 23 February 2021 commission meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvoda moved, Member Schlaeger seconded, to approve the minutes of the 16 March 2021 working commission meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Chair Orvis noted that members' packets contained a list of policies that were reviewed by the commission; no action was needed.

The draft culvert/driveway policy and the draft amendment to the zoning ordinance will be reviewed at the next working meeting.

New Business:

No information has been received on the Roger Teich proposed land split.

Mark Karpe, Hummingbird Road, was present to discuss an education program with animals that he is conducting with the Braham Schools. He would like to extend this program to certain exotic animals whose possession is not permitted by the zoning ordinance. As an example, Mr. Karpe explained that he would like students to be able to see the difference between a bobcat and a lynx, both of which are resident in the area. Currently, Mr. Karpe does not foresee in-person student activity on his premises at this time, preferring to start with a mobile operation. Chair Orvis welcomed Mr. Karpe to attend the next working commission meeting or to provide a full list of the animals that would be involved in this project along with a business plan for the future. An interim use permit would be required should this program go forward as planned and that all state and county requirements would need to be followed. Zoning Administrator Kemen noted that he had been in discussion with Mr. Karpe. Chair Orvis thanked Mr. Karpe for his presentation and cooperation.

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Chair Orvis called a working commission meeting for 6:30 p.m., 20 April 2021, to review the draft driveway/culvert policy and the draft zoning ordinance amendment as well as any information received from Mr. Karpe.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 27 April 2021.

At 7:26 p.m., Member Schneider moved, Member Schlaeger seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk/Member

Leslie Orvis, Chair/Member

Jeff Schlaeger, Member

Priscilla Schneider, Member

Gary Valvoda, Member